

Jed 1053

25X1

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Information on KVP Units in Eggesin-KarpinEVALUATION 25X1

PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

30 November 1953

REFERENCES

25X1

PAGES 2

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. Between 19 and 24 October 1953, [] the barracks installations in the wooded area southeast of Eggesin quartered an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 men. Blue, black and red collar patches were observed. []

[] only 75 percent of the buildings available were occupied. Of the approximately 280 standardized houses erected northwest of the barracks installations, 60 were in use. The camp on the southern border of Eggesin quartered an estimated 500 men. Soldiers seen there wore yellow-bordered and black collar patches. [] the installation also quartered 40 Soviet officers. Motor vehicles seen in the wooded area []

2. Between 8 and 9 a.m. on 19 October, firing was practiced with 37-mm AA guns in Jagen (forest district) Nos 187, 188, 209 and 210. The points of burst were relatively small and were seen at an altitude of about 1,500 meters. From 1:30 to 5 p.m. on 20 October, at least 10 T-34/85 tanks were engaged in driving school practices in the area south of Teerofen. About 10 a.m. on 23 October about 50 men with red collar patches were being trained with carbines and light machine guns in the area east of the barracks installation on the road to Ahlbeck. Between 4 and 5 p.m. on the same day and between 8 and 9 a.m. on 24 October, firing with AA guns was practiced in the forest districts mentioned above. Throughout the day, about 250 men armed with carbines and submachine guns searched the area north of the barracks installations, allegedly for four convicts who had escaped.²

3. On 31 October, all sections of Installation VIII in Eggesin were occupied to capacity except for Section E. Section A quartered a regiment from Rostock. Section B one from Saxony and Section C one from Schwerin. The three regiments belonged to a mechanized division which was commanded by Colonel Weiss (fnu) who had his headquarters in Eggesin. The three regiments had been employed in Berlin until recently. The regiment from Rostock was commanded by Captain Blase (fnu), because Lieutenant Colonel Kirchner (fnn), previously commanding officer

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

SECRET

25X1

- 2 -

of the unit, was allegedly discharged owing to poor health. The regiments involved had previously been quartered in tents. The heavy artillery unit previously stationed at Installation VIII was moved to Prora on Ruegen Island. Training activity was light because basic training was completed. [redacted] recently [redacted] a model 1942 armored personnel carrier fitted with two machine guns in the front and one machine gun in the rear. The personnel carrier could be loaded with about 15 personnel.

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the total strength of Bereitschaft Eggesin is estimated at 10,000 men. Installation VIII in Karpin is believed to quarter 600 to 700 men. Three mechanized Kommandos, 1 artillery Kommando, 1 mortar Kommando and some minor component units of Bereitschaft Eggesin are stationed in Karpin. The statement that the installation in Karpin quartered 8,000 to 10,000 men is believed to be exaggerated.
2. [redacted] Comment. AAA firing has so far only been observed in the Altvorp area. The tanks seen south of Thurnau probably belonged to mechanized units in Karpin.
3. [redacted] Comment. The three units referred as regiments from Rostock, Saxony and Schwerin are the three mechanized Kommandos of Bereitschaft Eggesin. The statement that these units are stationed in sections A, B and C of the installation are at variance with a previous report. It appears doubtful whether a heavy artillery unit moved from Karpin to Prora. Only one artillery regiment equipped with 152-mm howitzers is available in the area of Gruppe Nord. According to available information, this regiment is stationed at barracks installations in the Stallberg area.

SECRET